

DETENTION OF WITNESSES.

A Presentment from the Grand Jury Com-
mencing the Present System.

The Grand Jury made a presentment yesterday, in the General Sessions, as to the locking up of witnesses in the House of Detention. They found that the time of imprisonment varied from one day to over two months.

"The induction of this imprisonment," the presentment says, "is apparent. It is doubtful whether any good result is accomplished thereby commensurate with the wrong inflicted. The knowledge of the probability of such confinement necessarily renders witness unwilling to come forward to testify, and thus may be unfavourably disposed to the State of the evidence requisite for conviction."

When the witnesses are detained every effort is made to give precedence of the case. In which cases, it is said, it is necessary to keep the witness in custody who may be unwilling witnesses or persons of a roving disposition, where they can be reached when called upon. The witnesses now in the House of Detention are important witnesses in the case of Dr. Meyer, charged with the murder of his wife, and the administration of poison. The preparation of a case of such magnitude is a work of weeks, and the success of the prosecution may depend upon the skill of the lawyers, and the time necessary by the public prosecutor to commit to the House of Detention.

INDICTED, BUT RELEASED.

A Writ of Habeas Corpus Opens the Doors for Mants, Curry, and Gerrity.

The Grand Jury found an indictment for manslaughter in the first degree yesterday against William Mannix, James Curry, and Joseph Gerrity, charging them with killing James Whittendall in a stable in West Fifteenth street on the evening of Nov. 7. Whittendall is alleged to have been assaulted with a club by one of the three men, and his skull was fractured. Mannix and Gerrity were arrested at once, but the coroner had not made out a case before the coroner had not made out a case against the three men, and they were discharged by Assistant District Attorney Lindsay. He said he was unable to find any man in the kind he had ever heard of. As he understood, there was no representative of the District Attorney's office present, because the District Attorney was not aware that the motion would be made.

THE ARREST OF A DOCTOR.

He is Said to Be Responsible for Meta Richter's Dying Condition.

Dr. Samuel Edison Hardy of 574 Second avenue, was committed without bail in the Yorkville Police Court yesterday for examination to-day. It is alleged against him that he is responsible for the condition of Meta Richter, an 18-year-old German girl, who is said to be dying at her home, 782 Second avenue. Dr. Hardy was arrested yesterday morning upon the strength of an affidavit made by Detective Daniels of the East Sixty-third street police station.

The detective says that June the girl came to Dr. Hardy's office to get some medicine and he treated her, and that on Nov. 11 he performed a criminal operation on her, in the hope of saving her life. She is now dangerously ill at the home of her husband, Frank Bradner, who keeps a restaurant at 360 East Forty-second street. Dr. Hardy denies the charge, and the district attorney has a case of blackmail. He is a graduate of the Eclectic Medical Institute, and has been practising medicine for five years.

BROOKLYN TROLLEY EMPLOYEES.

They Want to Share in the Increased Profits of the Roads.

An agitation is in progress among the employees of the surface railroads in Brooklyn for an increase of wages. They contend that the introduction of the trolley has increased their work and responsibility, while reducing the expenses of the companies. There have been several secret conferences among the men, and the result will be a strike, unless the Knights of Labor, and the general sentiment in favor of demanding \$2.50 a day, an increase of 25 per cent.

President Louis of the City Railroad says that his company is not in a situation to consider an increase of wages at the present time, and it is not likely to do so until as it did last year. The other railroad Presidents are also opposed to raising.

The Bible Head Again in Maspeth's Schools.

President Edward Fagan's action in suspending the reading of the Bible and the recitation of the Lord's Prayer in the public schools in Maspeth village overruled at a meeting of the Board of Education of that village yesterday, and the old order of opening school resumed. The resolution was offered by trustee Fagan, and that measure, and trustee Reese temporarily took charge of the meeting. The resolution was then voted down, and the president of the student Fagan declining to vote. The resolution stipulated that children whose parents were opposed to this exercise need not enter the school room until after it was over.

THE \$15,000,000 Gold Coin.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 29.—The coinage of the \$15,000,000 in gold at the Philadelphia Mint, which Secretary Carlisle recently directed should be done by Dec. 1, was completed to-day. Collier, William S. Steel reported that about \$1,000,000 in gold was coined, and this month \$8,160,000 more has been produced, making a total of \$16,034,000. The coinage of all metals at the Philadelphia Mint, except silver coins, has been completed, making \$2,854,200; silver quarter dollars, \$22,000; base—five-cent pieces, \$38,000; pennies, \$47,200, and their aggregate value is \$83,111,100.

New Corporations.

ALBANY, Nov. 29.—These companies have been incorporated:

The Standard Dye Works and Finishing Company, to dye, tan, color, and otherwise fabrics, such as cotton, silk, and other materials, New York city, and in Stamford, Conn. Capital, \$100,000. Directors, Frederick Simon, James Levy of New York, and J. C. L. Smith.

The Irving Syndicate, New York, to furnish literary articles to the daily and weekly press. Capital, \$100,000. Directors, George W. Irving, John Windish Scott of East Orange, Samuel R. Johnson of New York, and W. C. Miller of New York, and J. W. Hougham of Albany.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE—Sales Nov. 29.

UNITED STATES AND STATE BONDS (\$1,000,000). Va. 2, 300; 11/2, 110; 10% U. S. 44, 200; 10% U. S. 100.

CLOSING PRICES OF UNITED STATES BONDS.

Bond, 100, 100; 100, 100; 100, 100.

RAILROAD AND OTHER BONDS (\$1,000,000).

10% Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, 100; 100.

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